

# **IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 15th March 2015**

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## **83rd IRTS AGM Dinner and Rally – 25th/26th April-**

Kilkenny 2015

The South Eastern Amateur Radio Group hosts this year's event.

Tickets for the IRTS AGM dinner are now available from John Ronan EI7IG via email on [irtsagm/at/searg/dot/com](mailto:irtsagm/at/searg/dot/com).

The rally will be on Sunday 26th with doors opening at 11am and admission is €5. Everyone Welcome!

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## **Nominations for IRTS Awards**

The IRTS Awards Committee is seeking nominations for "Awards for Services to the Society or to Amateur Radio" and "Awards to IRTS members for Other Achievements". Details of these Awards are available at [www.irts.ie](http://www.irts.ie) under the Awards section. Nominations should reach the Awards Manager (Jim Holohan EI4HH; e-mail [holohaj2/at/hotmail/dot/com](mailto:holohaj2/at/hotmail/dot/com))

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## **South Dublin Radio Club AGM**

This years South Dublin Radio Club AGM will take place on Tuesday 14th of April at 8pm. All members are asked to attend.

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## **Echo Ireland**

The March issue of Echo Ireland - the IRTS members' journal - has updates on lots of club activities. For example, Mayo Radio Experimenters Network report on their brave entry into the 80 metres counties contest on a windy and wet New Year's Day. South Dublin Radio Club reports on a number of recent club talks, and there are also updates from Shannon Basin Radio Club, South Eastern Amateur Radio Group and Fingal Radio Club, among others.

Along with the regular update on "HF Happenings" by Anthony EI2KC and news of

the latest 23 centimetres experiments by Pat EI2HX, the current Echo Ireland includes a description by Gerry EI8DRB of the design and construction of an Arduino-based signal generator, and a detailed review of software for digital modes by Hugh EI9KF: Hugh's article incorporates a very useful summary table showing the key features of six digi-mode software packages.

Also, John EI7IG reports on some of his research into techniques for amateur radio disaster communications. Daniel EI9FHB describes his experiments with receiving amateur video signals from the International Space Station, with a view to these being used as part of the Space Station's school contacts program. Daniel's article also covers the installation of a receiving station at the National Space Centre.

Finally, we should mention that the upcoming Annual General Meeting of the society, is of course, covered in full: Echo Ireland contains the formal notice of the meeting along with the committee's nominations for president, vice-president and other committee positions.

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## **EI90IARU**

IRTS has been issued with the call sign EI90IARU to commemorate the 90th anniversary of the founding of the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU) in Paris in 1925. The call sign is available for use by any EI station in the 26 counties holding a current amateur station licence.

Anyone wishing to use the call sign can do so subject to notifying Dave O'Conner EI6AL of the times/ bands/modes prior to going on the air so as to avoid any potential duplication. Anyone applying to use the call sign is considered to be undertaking to use it in accordance with the ComReg Regulations, Technical Conditions, Frequency allocations and Guidelines relating to amateur stations.

It is also essential that logs (preferably in ADI format) are kept when using the call sign and copies emailed to Dave EI6AL so that a central log can be held for QSL or other purposes. Dave can be contacted at [dave.ei6al@gmail.com](mailto:dave.ei6al@gmail.com) or by phone on 086 1000000

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## **Limerick Radio Club Rally**

Regretfully, due to unforeseen circumstances, the Limerick Radio Club Committee has decided to cancel this years' rally, which was scheduled for Sunday 29th March 2015. We sincerely apologise to all concerned and regret any inconvenience caused. [www.limerickradioclub.ie](http://www.limerickradioclub.ie)

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## **DX News**

Lukas HB9EBT is QRV again from Sao Tiago in the Cape Verde Islands until 27 March. His callsign is D44TEG and he is operating on CW on all bands 40m - 10m. QSLs go via his home call.

Anton OG2K will be active as OH0/OG2K from the Aland Islands from 19th to 22nd March. This is a holiday style trip and he will be found on 17 – 12m SSB and digital. QSL to his home call.

Joe LA5UF will operate from Easter Island as CE0Y/LA5UF from 20th to 31st March. He hopes to be on 40 – 10m CW and asks that QSL go directly to his home address.

Gerard ZS6AYU has travelled to several southern African giving DXers a chance to work a rare one. This month he will spend a few days in Botswana using his A25GF callsign from 19th to 21st March.

A group of Italian amateurs along with one Japanese ham is active from Democratic Republic of Congo from March 10th to 25th as 9Q0HQ. They will operate on 160- 6m CW, SSB, RTTY. QSL via I2YSB.

An international group will activate Malawi from March 11th to April 1st using the callsign 7QAA. The activity will be split into two separate groups - the first, running from March 11th to 21st on CW and RTTY, followed by a second team using SSB and RTTY from March 22nd until April 1st. See their website [www.malawidx.org/](http://www.malawidx.org/) for more details.

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## **Kerry Amateur Radio Group**

The Kerry Amateur Radio Group are pleased to announce that following our recent Annual General Meeting, a busy schedule of events has been announced for 2015 with demonstration stations planned at several public events as well as our intention to participate in contests throughout the year.

The club has elected Declan Horan EI9FVB as Chairman, QSL manager and Webmaster, Billy O'Connor EI7CQB as Vice-Chairman and Treasurer and finally John Costello EI9ESB as Secretary and PRO.

Our website [www.kerryamateurradiogroup.com](http://www.kerryamateurradiogroup.com) along with our QRZ.com page under the EI1K callsign will be updated with posts, pictures, information and details of our

various activities.

We would like to take the time to welcome aboard several new members for 2015 for what promises to be a very active and exciting year of amateur radio activity.

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### **World Amateur Radio Day 18th April 2015**

The ITU & IARU celebrate 150 years of advancing the Telecommunication Art.  
[www.iau.org/world-amateur-radio-day](http://www.iau.org/world-amateur-radio-day)

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Items for inclusion in next week's Radio News can be submitted via e-mail to "newsteam /at/ irts / dot / ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Urgent news items for the radio news may be telephoned to the radio news editor, Aidan, EI7JC on 085 7100511.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin.

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